

SPAIN IS ALARMED BY TRADE DANGER

Cabinet Considers Possible
Paralysis of Commerce—
Protest to Berlin.

MADRID, April 14.—After the meeting of the Spanish Cabinet Wednesday Premier Romanones asserted that the Government was occupied particularly with the situation created for Spain from a commercial point of view by the attitude adopted by the United States and Cuba toward Germany.

The Foreign Minister outlined the problem clearly, and the Ministers of Finance and Commerce gave statistics on imports and exports, and the Ministers also discussed lengthily the torpedoing of the San Palencio, says the newspaper *Correspondencia de Espana*.

The Cabinet also considered the possibility of a rupture between Germany and other Latin-American republics and the possible paralysis of Spanish commerce, already hard hit by the war, which would be an inevitable consequence, as many of these republics form the principal markets for the products of Catalonia and the eastern coast of Spain.

Among the statistics read at the Cabinet meeting was a table showing that the losses in shipping attributable to the war now aggregate one-sixth of the total Spanish tonnage.

The Spanish note now on the way to Berlin will contain an energetic protest against the torpedoing of the San Palencio, and will ask for a declaration concerning the liberty of commerce between North and South America and Spain. The note was despatched tonight in a diplomatic pouch instead of by radio in order to avoid errors in transmission. The text probably will be made public within the next five days.

The gravity of the situation caused by the sinking of the San Palencio is emphasized by all the newspapers. The semi-official *Diario Universal*, after saying that the Ministers reached a unanimous decision as to the course of the Government at a Cabinet meeting, continues:

"We do not know what their decisions are, but we realize that their importance is such as to produce a complete solid-

UNDERWRITERS AID NATIONAL DEFENCE

Complete Statistics of Coun-
try's Workshops and Ware-
houses Available.

Information of inestimable value concerning the vital resources of the country, offers of fire prevention to save millions of dollars losses of food and other staples and the services of an army of trained investigators who know every inch of the United States have been put at the disposal of the Government by the National Board of Underwriters. Conferences between R. M. Russell, president of the national board; W. F. Gifford, director, and members of the National Council of Defense recently have been held in Washington. The council has been quick to avail itself of the collected facts gathered by the underwriters.

The National Board has given to two branches of the Government complete details of the water supply systems of every city with a population of more than 20,000. The data, accumulated through fifteen years of painstaking work by the board's engineers, represent the most complete informative statistics extant on this subject.

As part of the functions of the board it has compiled information concerning factories of all description in the United States. It knows the size, construction, raw materials, machinery and products of every plant in the land. It has been able thus to give to the Council of Defense accurate data that will aid it in its plan to utilize every means for production of war necessities.

These facts, which embrace not only factories but storage warehouses, plants, are equivalent to the combined data of hundreds of trades and industries. The board has offered to supplement this with the services of its specialists and 5,000 inspectors without expense to the Government.

With the present food shortage and the prospect that it will increase because of the supply plan to the Entente Allies, the board will strive to do what it can to safeguard storage. The value of grain annually destroyed is \$10,000,000. Insurance cannot replace such losses, but precautions can prevent them. The underwriters, with the cooperation

of owners of grain elevators and warehouses hope to curtail if not completely eliminate this loss.

So with cotton, which plays such an important part in the clothing of an army, and in the manufacture of munitions. The annual destruction of cotton is not less than \$5,000,000. Through the same cooperation for safety with the owners of cotton gins, warehouses and compressors the board expects to put thousands or more bales at the disposal of the Government.

NEW YORK BOAT SHELLED.

Crew Quit Schooner Under Fire of
Submarine Off Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The American schooner Edwin R. Hunt of New York was abandoned by her crew under shell fire from a submarine near Cape Gata, Spain, in the Mediterranean, April 7, according to a despatch to the State Department from Consul Gasset at Malaga, which read:

"American schooner Edwin R. Hunt of New York, Nicholas Miller master, with crew of eight, bound from Crette to New York in ballast, shelled by submarine at 4 A. M. April 7 forty miles off Cape Gata. Ship abandoned by crew under fire, fate unknown."

U. S. INSURES VICTORY. FRENCH ARMY TOLD

Nivelle Instructed to Com-
municate News Officially.

PARIS, April 14.—The Minister of War, M. Painleve, has sent the following order to Gen. Nivelle, Commanding-in-Chief on the French front:

"In the name of the Government I beg you to communicate by general army order to your troops the entry of the United States on the side of the Allies. Have the goodness on this occasion to point out to them the unequalled importance of the event, which causes the most pacific democracy in the world to abandon neutrality in order to defend law and liberty. Recall to them that more than a century ago French and American troops fought side by side in a struggle for the same ideal and cemented the friendship of our two peoples by bloodshed in a common cause."

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(Illustrated at left.) Slip-on model in heavy quality white crepe de Chine, piped with rose, blue or green.

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(centre illustration)
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